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Man Charged After DUI Car Crash in West Covina

A 21-year-old man accused of driving drunk, crashing into a car and trying to flee the scene is scheduled to be arraigned today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Raymond Simon Alvarado (dob 7/19/93) of San Bernardino is charged with four counts: driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage causing injury, driving with a .08% blood alcohol content causing injury, hit and run driving resulting in serious injury to another person and driving a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license in case KA108653.

Additionally, the charging document includes a special allegation that Alvarado personally inflicted great bodily injury during the commission of the crime.

Prosecutors said in the evening of Dec. 30, Alvarado was reportedly driving drunk in West Covina. The defendant allegedly ran a red light and crashed into another vehicle and seriously injured its two passengers.

Following the collision, Alvarado reportedly ran from the scene but was ultimately apprehended by police and arrested in connection with the crash.

The defendant is expected to appear this morning in Department N of the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Pomona.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of 11 years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the West Covina Police Department.

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for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's</u> <u>Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.